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3 By Senator Waggoner
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8 COMMENDING DONNA BURKE FOR BEING NAMED THE 2019
9 ALABAMA SECONDARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
12 presented to Donna Burke, the Assistant Principal at Robert F.
13 Bumpus Middle School, for being named the 2019 Alabama
14 Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, Donna Burke has been named the 2019 Alabama
16 Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year by the Alabama
17 Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP); she will
18 represent Alabama in a national judging for the National
19 Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) National
20 Assistant Principal of the Year program; and

21 WHEREAS, every year, the NASSP National Assistant
22 Principal of the Year program recognizes outstanding middle
23 school and high school assistant principals who have succeeded
24 in providing high quality learning opportunities for their
25 students; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Burke is well-known for engaging with
27 the students at Robert F. Bumpus Middle School; not only does

1 she always meet with students at the front door to talk with
2 them about their thoughts, feelings, and events from the
3 previous night, she also works hard to eliminate potentially
4 stressful situations among students; she is well-known for
5 engaging with the staff as well; on a regular basis, she
6 checks on the teachers to see how they are dealing with
7 personal matters; and

8 WHEREAS, she has initiated a partnership with the
9 Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) to bring the
10 Heritage Panel to Robert F. Bumpus Middle School; she and
11 other teachers selected 30 diverse students who were then
12 trained by YWCA to teach other students about diversity and
13 acceptance; also, she has created Bumpus Embraces Students at
14 Trace Crossing (BEST), a program for middle school girls that
15 builds leadership skills and self-esteem; and

16 WHEREAS, putting her heart into every aspect of her
17 job, Ms. Burke is very passionate about the care and
18 well-being of her students and the staff; she is indeed
19 deserving of the prestigious title that she has received; now
20 therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we highly commend Donna Burke
23 for being named the 2019 Alabama Secondary Assistant Principal
24 of the Year, and this resolution is hereby dedicated to her
25 with utmost esteem.